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SELLING CAPITALISM

A foremost authority has suggested that we in the United States spend less time denouncing communism and more time selling capitalism. It is a good suggestion, and one which should be heeded, particularly by the educators.

A check of books published in the last twenty or thirty years will show that even writers in democratic countries have expounded liberally on the defects of capitalism. We are a self-examining people, and we are quick to criticize our own system of government.

However, while the Communists have been propagandizing the results and achievements of Communism (and there have been some), we have been falling short in this field—as far as capitalism is concerned.

What we need to do in the United States, in Great Britain, and in other democratic countries, is to sell the capitalist idea to the world. Capitalism, with its defects and its advantages, is a saleable product and is the most workable system, and the most beneficial system, for the average working man, and the average citizen.

This fact should be loudly proclaimed to the world, and we should have some aggressive selling technique applied to our championing of the capitalistic system. That is not to say that there are no abuses in our system. It is merely to say that we have more to brag about than to apologize about, and we have been doing an inadequate job in the field of public relations in this regard.

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THE RED CROSS APPEAL

This is a critical year for the American Red Cross. Its reserves have been wiped out by the great disasters that have buffeted the country during the past two years. Now it is faced with the gargantuan task of maintaining and even expanding its varied humanitarian services and at the same time rebuilding these reserves, which will be needed in the event of any great national calamity.

It is important that each one of us recognizes our responsibility in helping the Red Cross toward its 1958 membership and fund goal. Through its blood program, disaster, armed forces, veterans, first aid, water safety, school and other services, it probably plays a more important role in the lives of more Americans than any other non-governmental agency.

If disaster should strike this community, the Red Cross would be here. When adults and youngsters want to acquire the skills of swimming, life saving, small craft handling, home nursing and mother and baby care, the Red Cross is here. And when our sons or husbands in the armed forces need help, the Red Cross is there.

The point that should be emphasized here is that we make these free services possible. We are the Red Cross—every one of us—and it is to our advantage and to your community's advantage that we keep the Red Cross strong and on the job for us.

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A $1,000 PLANE

Over in England, a company named the Fairey Company is selling a pint-sized plane for $1,000. We have always argued that when the public could buy an aircraft for as much as an automobile, or less, the plane would come into widespread use.

The Fairey Company is demonstrating what can be done in the way of building a low-cost plane for wide use. The interesting thing about the "Tipsy Nipper" is that it comes to the buyer in a box, or in several boxes.

In short, it is something of a build-it-yourself aircraft, although the building job is not too complicated. The power plant is a 36-horsepower Volkswagon engine. This is the engine which has become so popular, and which has been in such wide use in recent years, in Volkswagen automobiles.

The wing span of the Nipper is 19.6 feet. Its length is 14 feet. It has very modest capabilities as a flying machine, but then it is a practical aircraft for the man who only has a thousand dollars to spend on one. It has a range of almost 200 miles, which is not much, but which is enough to take one over and above congested areas with ease. It flies at a little over 60 miles an hour.

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AND NOW MARCH

March, which brings us Spring (at last) is upon us. Many people are unaware that in early Colonial days, the year began in March.

In those days, it seemed as if warmer weather, or Spring, heralded the new year. Today, however, the new year comes in with the coldest of the winter weather—which we now have passed.

March is a month of many memories, and anniversaries, for Americans. March 2nd was the anniversary of Texas Independence Day, and March 3rd was the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander Graham Bell, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1842. Until 1937, March 4 was Inauguration Day for Presidents of the U. S.

March 5 was the anniversary of the Boston massacre. Today is the anniversary of the fall of the Alamo in Texas. California observes Arbor Day on the anniversary of the birth of Luther Burbank, March 7.

Albany became the capital of New York on March 10, 1797, and the first patrol of what became the Girl Scouts gathered in Savannah, Ga., on March 12, 1912.

Other March anniversaries of note include the anniversary of the patenting of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney, on March 14; the birthday of James Madison, fourth President, who was born at Port Conway, Virginia, March 16, 1751; the founding of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, the Act having been approved by Congress March 16, 1802; St. Patrick's Day, which falls on March 17; Grover Cleveland's birthday anniversary, March 18 (born in Caldwell, New Jersey, in 1837.

In addition, Patrick Henry made his famous speech in favor of the militia for Virginia on March 23, 1775. Maryland Day is observed on March 25. John Tyler, tenth President, was born at Greenway, Charles City County, Virginia, March 29, 1790.

Easte sometimes falls in March, but this year neither Easter nor Good Friday come in this month.

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Time will cure all scars and wounds — if there is time.

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It amazes us how seriously some people take themselves.

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The real leaders in every community talk only when they have something to say.

Washington Notes

$98,000,000 AID TO POLES

The United States and Communist Poland have signed a sales and credit agreement totaling $98,000,000. The agreement provides for the sale to Poland of surplus United States farm products worth $73,000,000 at world market prices. Included in this cost is $6,700,000 for ocean freight. The agreement also covers the extension to Poland of a $25,000,000 line of credit for the purchase of raw materials and machinery for consumer goods industries, together with some medical equipment. The credit will come from the President's special assistance fund and will be administered by the Export-Import Bank.

BRITISH JET ENGINES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has urged the Secretary of Defense to facilitate the purchase of British jet engines for the Strategic Air Command, if the engines prove mechanically suitable.

Mr. Dulles' intervention in a letter to Secretary Neil H. McElroy became known as preparations neared completion for the United States and British agreement on intermediate range ballistic missiles.

TERRITORIAL CLAIMS URGED

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, recently recommended that the United States continue scientific activities in the Anartic and prepare to lay territorial claims to the icy continent.

The committee said that United States teams must be maintained in Anartica not only for scientific reasons, but also in order to prevent the Soviet Union from obtaining footholds in that region.

NUTRITIONISTS COOPERATE

A five week's tour set-up to help save South American children from malnutrition got under way last month.

A team of five United States child experts, and as many experts from international organizations, will work with South American leaders to map out food production, dietary improvement and parasite-destroying programs for the children. The travel expenses of the teams will be paid by the Unitarian Service Committee.

TAX LIMIT DRIVE WANES

The drive among taxpayer groups to force Congress to approve a constitutional amendment to put a 25 per cent ceiling on the Federal Income tax has diminished.

A survey of the forty-eight state legislatures showed the campaign had lost most of its momentum despite the record Federal, state and local tax burden.

ATOM ENGINE IN DESIGN

The Air Force recently announced that it had awarded a design contract for an atomic rocket engine that migh provide the means for man's first sustained space flight.

SATELLITE REACTION HIT

General Alfred M. Gruenther, retired, has criticized what he called the "fidgety" reaction in this country to the Soviet Union's satellite launchings.

But General Gruenther, former commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, said Americans were now properly supporting Congressional moves for a bigger military effort. He also asked for support of economic and psychological measures in the cold war.

POPULATION INCREASED

In 1957, for the second year in a row, the population of the United States increased by about 3,000,000, according to a recent report from the Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau estimated the population on January 1 at 172,720,000, compared with 169,800,000 a year earlier.

In each year since 1947 the population has increased by more than 2,500,000.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

A new treatment that produces better healing of infected wounds was reported by Veterans Administration.

Surgeons at the Fort Howard, Md., VA Hospital have found that application of a substance from the tropical fruit, the Carica papaya, with other chemicals gives a high rate of healing in infected surface wounds.

Dr. Joseph M. Miller of the Fort Howard Hospital, said an ointment containing a combination of papain, which is obtained from the papaya, urea, and the water-solube derivatives of chlorophyll produced excellent results in 100 of 106 infected wounds treated, good in one and poor in five.

WANTS STRONG ISRAEL

London.- Speaking at a dinner in London, Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Premier, says that Israel must be strong enough "to break the nutcracker" if Egypt and Syria were to try a pincer attack. He also said that Israel also must have the power to roll back a possible attack from the Iraqi-Jordanian federation.

Appomattox is a growing town

8,000 MILES ON FOOT

Montreal.- A Belgian dentist from Brussels has just completed an 8,000-mile walking tour around North America. It took him a year and a half.

Werner Mohau said that he had spent only $500 on the tour. He walked from Montreal to Vancouver, Los Angeles, Mexico City, and back.

WOMAN RAILROADS

Syracuse, N. Y.- M[illegible] gison, 5-foot, 119-pound, works as a switch tender in freight yards, throwing operated switches while flic through the maze o

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[illegible] March 3.- We all hope that March will bring us clear weather, so the dry up and the roads get

Mrs. Marvin Kent, of spent the week-end with Mrs. P. B. Stratton, and Adcock. Mrs. Kent is go[illegible] this entire week with

Mrs. O. R. Turnes had day guests Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]oe and boys, of Amherst, and Mrs. H. W. Brown children, of Gladstone.

Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. Howlette Drinkard, Sr., Mr. E. L. Chick and Mr. Herbert Cyrus motored to Staunton on last Friday to bring Donald Lee Drinkard home from school for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cyrus and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Sorry to hear that Mr. Jack Caldwell, Jr. is on our sick list this week. His mother, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Evington spent the week-end with him and his family. We hope for Jack, Jr. a speedy get-well.

Mrs. Rob Thornhill visited her sister, Mrs. Lyle Caldwell in Lynchburg last week. Mrs. Caldwell is still very ill. Hope for her the best that can possibly be hers while so ill.

Mr. Marvin Stratton is still on the critical sick list. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant, Jr. and two sons spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kern Mays had as their week-end guests Mr. Mays' brother from Amherst.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. W. E. Bondurant, Jr., on next Thursday afternoon, March 13. Let's hope the weather will be good and we can have a nice meeting in Mrs. Bondurant's lovely new home.

Mrs. John Hurt, of Lynchburg, is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Embra Davis, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee had as their guests on Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, of Rustburg.

Homemakers Items

Concrete floors can present some real problems to the home owner, when it comes to surface finishing.

Miss Mary B. Settle, house improvement specialist at VPI, says she receives many requests for information about what to do with a concrete basement floor that is always dusting off. This dusty condition comes from too much steel troweling when the concrete was put in place. While some steel troweling is ecessary to get a smooth surface, too much troweling brings trouble. To correct it, the concrete must be treated with a muriatic acid solution. The treatment is called "etching." It eats away the top cement layer, getting rid of the dustiness and also preparing the floor so you can get a good bond between the hard concrete base and a coating material. The etching neutralizes the alkali in concrete which will attack paint.

If the concrete floor has been in use for sometime, especially in the basement or laundry area, it must be scrubbed thoroughly before etching.

A strong alkaline cleaner, such as tri-sodium phosphate or one of the good commercial products, will be needed to remove soapy film, grease and dirt from an old floor. After scrubbing, rinse thoroughly with clear water, then allow the floor to dry completely before etching.

Get the muriatis acid at paint or hardware stores, and follow carefully the directions given for preparing the solution. Always use wood, glass, enamel, or earthenware containers. Use a broom or fiber brush to apply the solution to the floor. Let it stand on the floor until it stops bubbling. Then rinse thoroughly with clear water and let the floor dry once again.

To protect yourself while preparing the cement floor for paint, wear rubber gloves and rubber footwear. If any acid is spilled on the skin, wash it off promptly with clear water. This sounds like a lot of work, Miss Settle says, but it is the procedure recommended for getting a satisfactory finish.

Select the best obtainable floor enamel recommended for use on concrete. The rubber base paints for concrete have proved more durable than some of the earlier types available. Most of the manufacturers of paints for concrete floors recommend the application of a special primer before the finish coat.

There has been much trouble with paint on concrete because of dampness coming from the underside. The floor must be properly constructed to prevent dampness from below. Then if the surface is properly prepared for a well chosen paint, you can expect satisfactory results. The painted floor will be more attractive and easier to care for. Renewing the finish at intervals will keep it attractive.

ALFALFA ACREAGE TO INCREASE IN VIRGINIA

Alfalfa acreage is continuing to increase in Virginia — a healthy trend say VPI agronomists, since no other perennial forage crop will produce a higher yield or is as resistant to drought when grown on suitable soils.

Acreage last year reached 264,000, an increase of 24,000 acres over the preceding year.

In Tidewater and eastern Virginia, spring seedings can be made up until March 15; in middle and southern Piedmont, seed anytime this month (March); and in northern Piedmont and western Virginia, seed up until April 15.

If you seed alfalfa this spring be sure you choose a deep, well-drained soil, test the soil for lime, use plenty of fertilizer when seeding, and prepare a good seedbed. Use Certified Williamsburg, Certified Atlantic, Certified Buffalo, Certified Narragansett, Kansas Common or Oklahoma Approved. The first four have consistently been the highest yielding varieties in tests at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station. If you are seeding alfalfa for the first time, you can increase your chance for a successful stand by seeding it with orchard grass.

If you seed in the spring, a "nurse" crop seeded at a light rate will reduce weed competition and will also reduce drying on the soil surface.

Always inoculate alfalfa seed with a good commercial alfalfa culture according to the directions.

FOUNDERS DAY AT LONGWOOD

Farmville, Va.- Dr. Thomas Jefferson Wertenbaker will be the principal speaker for the seventy-fourth Founder's Day program at Longwood College, March 15, at 10:30 A. M., in Jarman Hall. Retired from Princeton University and currently teaching at Hampden-Sydney College, Dr. Wertenbaker's topic will be "Colonial Education in Virginia."

Josephus Daniels took office as Secretary of the Navy on March 5, 1913.

The John P. Holland torpedo boat company on March 13, 1895, received the first contract in U. S. history to build a submarine for the Navy.

Marine pilots landed on Guam on March 15, 1921, marking first time Corps aviation was deployed outside the continental limits of the U. S.

The USS Essex sounded the Cape of Good Hope March 28, 1800, becoming the first U. S. warship ever to do so.

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Vera

Vera, March 3.- "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth."- Colossians 3:2.

Everyone is so thankful to see some pretty weather, after such a cold, snowy spell, the worst that we have had for many years.

Schools closed for a week on account of it being so dangerous on the highway.

Miss Harriette Harvey spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Richard Carson during the bad weather.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Richard Carson visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter on Thursday.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. North Roberston's illness. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Lewis Turnes, Jr., of Baltimore. He will be buried at his mother's home near Vera.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Pete spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Jimmie Harvey and family, of Lynchburg, and Mr. Joe O'Brien and Mr. Dick O'Brien.

Mrs. George Abbitt and daughter visited her father, Mr. Lewis Turnes on Sunday.

What has become of Mother Brightleaf? We miss her news notes.

We do hope that March may be better in weather than February.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Why should business meetings, sales meetings and business calls sometimes be planned in consideration of prevailing weather conditions?

We have suggested in an earlier piece that salesmen can profitably take advantage of high pressure periods for making calls and do their "homework" during low pressure periods.

This is true because low pressure automatically affects the nerves by causing dehydration of the tissues. Some people begin to ache and others feel a mental depression. This is not imaginary; it is quite real.

Thus sales meetings, conferences and sales calls could be profitably planned to take place in good weather periods; quite often, when salesmen and prospective buyers are feeling their best. A glance at the weather map will show when high pressure areas (usually fair weather periods) can be expected to arrive in your locality.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Sis "Puts on the Dog"

My paper's got two subscribers —Sis Harper and her brother Rip out on lonely Sunset Mountain. A road goes by Sis' farm and both copies are mailed to her because Rip lives back in the woods.

Sis always ties her brother's copy of the *Clarion*—plus any mail—to an old hound who trots over to Rip's place. "Rip feeds the dog half of his dinner," Sis explains. "I give him the other half when he gets back. Speeds him along."

Thanks to Sis—I bet the *Clarion's* got the only dog-powered delivery system in the U.S.A.

From where I sit, Sis may live in the "backwoods" but she's got a wide-awake mind. Contrast that with some people who refuse to own up there's more than one opinion on any subject—like whether beer or buttermilk makes the best beverage. That mountain air sure keeps those "doggone communication channels" open!

Joe Marsh

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